(d) Steps are being taken to introduce a Bill to amend the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 at the earliest.

Loans to farmers

†145. SHRI MOTI LAL VORA:
SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI.

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of loans given to farmers out of loans given by the Public Sector Banks and details of last three years in this regard, year-wise;

(b) the percentage of loans recovered out of loans given to farmers;

(c) the reasons for non-recovery of loans; and

(d) whether many farmers have been committing suicide in the country due to their inability to pay bank loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) The details regarding percentage of agricultural advances to net bank credit by public sector banks and percentage of recovery to demand of direct agricultural advances for last three years is as under:

Years	% of net bank credit	Percentage of recovery to demand
2002	15.8	72.30
2003	15.4	72.60
2004	15.4	74.53

(c) Natural calamities such as flood, drought, etc. have affected the recovery of agricultural loans. The disturbed law and order situation in some States also affects recovery position.

(d) Suicide cases of farmers from certain parts of the country have been reported. Indebtness from formal and informal sources is only one of the many reasons for suicides by farmers. Several measures have been initiated for mitigating the problems of farmers affected by natural calamities. RBI/ NABARD/IBA have issued guidelines to all banks for providing debt relief to farmers in distress/arrears by restructuring/arrears by restructuring/ rescheduling the dues of farmers into term loans of upto 5 years period with a moratorium of upto 2 years. Guidelines have also been issued to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

finance farmers under heavy burden of debt from non-institutional agencies like money lenders and for One Time Settlement for small and marginal farmers.

Raising of revenues through disinvestment of PSUs

146. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to raise Rs. 10,000 crore through disinvestment programme during the current fiscal;

(b) if so, the details thereof including public sector undertakings proposed to be covered by the disinvestment programme and resources proposed to be raised from each;

(c) whether the various constituents of the UPA Government have been consulted and their consent obtained to the proposed disinvestment programmes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (d) Disinvestment decisions are taken by the Government on a case-by-case basis by following the established procedure. No specific target for raising money through disinvestment has been fixed. At present, the Government has decided to sell 10% out of its shareholding of 67.72% in Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited through an Offer for Sale in the domestic market. Consultations within the Government take place from time to time and the formal decisions are taken in the Cabinet/CCEA.

Loan Disbursed by Banks in Nagaland

147. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of loans granted by all the Nationalised Banks, private Banks and foreign Banks during the last three years for the development of agriculture and small scale industries in the State of Nagaland, district-wise and Bank-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): The details of loans granted by all the Banks [Commercial Banks, Co-operative Banks and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)] operating in the State of Nagaland for the last three